

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:01pm at 3515 Broad St.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Becky Murillo – Present

Jamie Griffin – Present

Toni Henkemeyer (arr. 7:05pm)

Anne Marques – Absent

Melissa Messer - Present

Ron Miller – Present

Joanne Wagner – Present

Jake Young - Absent

Commissioners Absent:

Student Representatives Present:

Kyle Butrum - Absent

Caitlyn Donnelly - Present

Will O'Haver - Present

Student Representatives Absent:

Others Present: Justin Breyer, City Manager; Joshua Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Griffin; seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes from December 14, 2021 as presented with the following changes:

- Update item 2.04 formatting (bullet point)

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Griffin to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

None

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

City Council – Interested to get Committee's feedback on Forest St. sidewalk. City Council will be holding work sessions and looking into a community-wide survey. Could include the Mill Creek Park North survey questions.

Art Selection Committee – Committee will be meeting in two months.

Student Representatives – Will O'Haver report – Ice rink has been getting positive reviews and usage.

C. STAFF REPORT

- Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager introduced himself.
- The Commission discussed the proposed Forest St. sidewalk connection.
- The Commission discussed the Ice Rink, including changing the rules and sign to reflect:
 - Removing the sticks and pucks ban
 - Please be courteous and respectful of other skaters
 - Do away with open/close times

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK NORTH DESIGN PROJECT

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Mill Creek Park North Design Project:

- Issues with the park
 - Safe accessibility to the park – walkway down to the park from the Fire Station and/or Library
 - No other limitations in use of playground, but need to expand use by age groups
 - Initial goal was a new playground
- How much green space would people like to have preserved in the park?
 - Dexter Daze uses the green space
 - Could leave area between sidewalk and the Library green
 - Could use the entire space from the sidewalk to the parking lot for playground

B. DISCUSSION OF: FY 2022-23 BUDGET

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the FY 2022-23 Budget:

- Create reserve for Mill Creek Park North improvements
 - Likely to not do slope project this year
- Priorities
 - Look to combine Mill Creek Park North and Mill Creek Park Slope projects
 - Grandview Commons – going to do it anyway - \$300,000
 - Gazebo railing (no ramp) – 4 sides
 - Community Park sign - \$20,000
- Survey – where is accessibility lacking?

C. DISCUSSION OF: EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Easter Eggstravaganza:

- Suggest to Dexter Chamber that they should do a July 4th bicycle parade
- Proceed with similar concept as last year, kids come up to the City Office to pick up their gifts/eggs
- List of places to solicit donations

D. CONSIDERATION OF: GRAND ST. TRAIL CONNECTOR PROPOSAL FROM SMITHGROUP

Motion by Murillo; Second by Wagner to recommend to City Council the approval of the design of the Grand St. Trail Connector for an amount not to exceed \$47,000.

Unanimous voice vote approval

OLD BUSINESS

None

PARKS AND TREES MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Mill Creek Park North Project
- FY 2022-23 Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Griffin adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer
City Manager and City Clerk